

MISS KATHERINE DEFENDS ASTOR

Sister of Madeline Wishes She Were a Man So She Could Do and Say Things

COLONEL ASTOR IS MUM

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Miss Katherine Force, elder sister of Miss Madeline Force, yesterday afternoon, for the first time, indicated the attitude of her family and of Colonel John Jacob Astor on the sensational attacks upon the forthcoming Astor-Force alliance by the Rev. Dr. George Chalmers Richmond of Philadelphia.

Miss Force was met within a few doors of her home at No. 18 East Thirty-seventh street. With her mother and sister she had arrived in New York a few hours before, coming from Newport on Colonel Astor's yacht, the Noma. She is an exceedingly handsome girl, with the same strong Grecian features which distinguish her sister.

Had a Scrumptious Time. "How did you and your sister enjoy your Newport visit?" was the first question asked of the sister of the future Mrs. Astor.

The young girl's frown melted in a smile.

"It was perfectly scrumptious," she replied. But, really, she added hurriedly, "you must excuse me. I have been advised not to say a word."

"But don't these bitter attacks on the part of Dr. Richmond call for an answer? Don't you want to say a few words about them?"

Miss Force's eyes flashed. She tapped viciously upon the pavement with her dainty parasol.

"You bet I do," she replied, hotly. "But if I did you couldn't put my words in the newspaper. Oh, if I were a man!"—she broke off and mounted the steps of her home.

There was time for just one more question, and the reporter asked the fast disappearing young woman:

"Does Colonel Astor contemplate legal action against Dr. Richmond?"

"The man's cloth is the only thing that protects him from some other than legal action," replied the young woman, and with this she passed within the portals.

The arrival of the Noma with Colonel Astor, Mrs. Force and the Misses Force on board was not as merry an affair as their departure for Newport a week ago.

Not a Merry Homecoming. Unusual precautions had been taken to avoid the newspapermen and snapshoots, and, when cornered, the entire party seemed unusually "crummy." Even the head of the house of Astor himself, who on the occasion of the last departure of the Noma passed cigars and small talk with equal exuberance, resorted to the stereotyped reply of the hard pressed millionaire: "Nothing to say."

In order to avoid the small army of the curious who were awaiting him at his usual anchorage off the New York Yacht club's station, at the foot of East Twenty-third street, the colonel resorted to a ruse. He sent his automobile to the foot of East Thirty-first street, ran over there in a launch with the Forces and all escaped in safety.

The party separated for the time being, the colonel going to his Fifth avenue home and the Forces to their home on East Thirty-seventh street. A few minutes before 1 o'clock the colonel's big gray car drew up in front of the Force home.

Colonel Astor, attired in a blue sack suit, a straw hat, swinging a bamboo stick and carrying under his arm his favorite Alredale terrier, leaped, dashed into the house. In a moment he reappeared at the door, accompanied by his fiancée. The two attempted to elude the assembled agents of publicity by making off in a hired taxi. The taxi, however, was surrounded and the colonel realized that he was cornered.

Hadn't a Word to Say. "Don't you think there has been too much already?" he replied, when asked about the wedding. "What can I say?"

"Don't you care to reply to Dr. Richmond?"

Astor's smile changed to an ominous frown.

"I have absolutely nothing to say on that subject," he snapped. "Absolutely nothing. Not a word."

"Will your marriage be hastened in view of the publicity?"

"I cannot discuss this matter," he replied. "Don't you think you had better see my secretary, Mr. Dobbin? He will talk to you. He has more time than I have."

Miss Force, who had been an interested listener to the mild heckling, here leaned forward and seized one of the colonel's coat sleeves.

"I wouldn't say anything more, colonel," she advised in a quiet but authoritative tone. "You have told the newspaper men to see Mr. Dobbin."

Bishop Will Make No Reply. Bishop Mackay-Smith has closed his lips on the subject of Dr. Richmond and his utterances concerning the Astor-Force wedding. He is able to sail a yawl about Frenchman's Bay and to indulge in other activities in and out of doors, but he is not able to see reporters when they call at his cottage here, all messages passing through two or three hands before they reach the bishop.

This evening he was inaccessible to a correspondent who called to inquire why he had to say regarding Dr. Richmond's threat to publish all the bishop's letters and to prosecute him unless he apologized for them. The bishop was at home but would not talk with the correspondent. A woman of business-like manner spoke for him, and evidently had her instructions in advance, for she listened carefully and then abruptly announced that the bishop would make no reply whatever.

"Not even in reply to the threat of libel suit?"

"No, not a word."

It was evident that Dr. Richmond's threats had been heard by the bishop.

"TRUSTY" STEALS GUN, STARTS ROUGH HOUSE

Phoenix Prisoner Given Too Much Liberty Nearly Becomes a Murderer

PHOENIX, Aug. 18.—You can't always trust a trusty.

Especially you can't trust him when he fills up on red liquor, steals a revolver and starts out to shoot holes in his family.

That's what Florencio Ruiz did yesterday and last night. He got away with part of the job, and if it hadn't been for the interference of the police he might have carried out the whole program. The cops plucked him when he was flourishing a gun and threatening to ventilate his wife's anatomy. This occurred at the Ruiz home in Mexicanville on the south side.

Ruiz has been a prisoner at the county jail for the past ten days. A week ago Sunday he was arrested by Deputy J. Adams and Constable Jim Murphy for running a speak easy. He got a jail sentence and as he seemed to be a harmless sort of individual he was given the run of the county jail. This taste of freedom only whetted his appetite for a larger measure of liberty—also for a modicum of booze. So yesterday afternoon he proceeded to shake the dust of the bawls from his feet.

But he didn't go away without the munitions of war. It happened that Deputy Sheriff Billy Wilson had left his gun lying under a pillow on one of the cots in a room in the rear of the sheriff's quarters. Ruiz proceeded to appropriate the gun and then spent the rest of the evening filling up on a choice assortment of dago red. By industrious application to the business in hand he was soon loaded to the guards, and then he he thought himself of his own domicile, where he had been an unknown quantity for more than a week.

Ruiz went home and found his wife there. He at once proceeded to assume the authority that had been suspended by the iron hand of the law, and he began to give orders like a drunken martinet. For some reason Mrs. Ruiz incurred his anger and then the trouble began, which was finally ended by Ruiz being arrested and conveyed back to the jail.

Here's the Truth. Here is the truth. Upon plans that were made largely by W. H. Code of Los Angeles, chief irrigation engineer of the Indian Service, an elaborate and costly scheme of development for the Pima and Maricopa Indian reservation now is nearing completion. By the surrender of a power dam site located for the Indians in the canyon of Salt river and by the payment of a pro rata of the cost of the Roosevelt project, the Indians, in addition to an absolutely free supply of 500 miners' inches for their Salt river reservation, were allotted 1,000-horse power in perpetuity for pumping purposes near Sacaton agency, in the center of the reservation. It should be noted that this power is not generated along the Gila, but on another stream, upon which the Sacaton Indians never had any claim. The power line referred to already is complete and has been used for nearly a year, branching from the main Phoenix lower line, a short distance above Mesa.

It has been a matter of only a few months, not seven years, since pumping began on the first Indian well. The ground is not white with alkali. The lucky redskins who are being supplied with water are doing better in a financial way than ever before and their crops are clear evidence of the success of the plan. Six wells have been sunk and are being utilized and four more are to be driven. In all, it is designed to irrigate by pumping 10,000 acres of these Indian lands. In several, it is hoped to locate about two-thirds of the tribal families upon this land, in ten-acre tracts, much as is being done on the Yuma reservation, on the Colorado river.

Draw on the Gila. Gila river is to be drawn upon

SAYS COLLIER'S HAS WRONG CUE

Mesa Citizen Points Out Absurdity of the Recent Article About Pima Indians' Land

INDIANS NOT CONCERNED

The following articles appears as special correspondence, in the Los Angeles Times, the writer taking occasion to criticize an article recently published in Colliers Weekly, where in the author expresses ideas which do not in any way conform to those of Mesa people:

MESA, Ariz., Aug. 13.—Dependence heretofore placed by Agronomists in Colliers Weekly as a qualified moralist, has just received a setback. Possibly because of its antagonism to all things Indian, the weekly has accepted as authentic and has published a mass of misinformation which should not stand uncorrected.

The story is headed "Another Pima Indian Steal." It tells that the Southern Pacific railroad is asking the interior department for a right of way on the "floor" of the Gila river box canyon, "though engineers agree that the rails should be laid forty feet above, in order to secure the best grade."

This eastern assumption that railroads in Arizona are laid down the beds of torrential rivers is refreshing. In the article it is assumed that the railroad company wishes also to seize the canyon as a dam site for the irrigation of land controlled by it. If the Gila dam site controversy is decided against the Florence Irrigation interests, the hardly possible that the railroad, or any other concern, would be granted permission for a similar dam in the same canyon.

Almost Idiocy. The article recites "Practically all the good irrigable land under this dam site is within the reservation of the Pima and Maricopa Indians. Naturally, the railroad wants this land."

This statement is little less than idiotic. The lands under the project are on the plain between Florence and Casa Grande and it is for the benefit of lands owned by whites, not Indians, that the fight for possession of the canyon against the railroad is being made by an association of Florence and Casa Grande land owners. If the Indians are included within the incorporation, the fact is known only to Colliers.

Reference is made to the "stealing" of the Indians' irrigation water by the whites, on the Gila, above them. This is true, insofar as it refers to the minimum supply, which is small indeed, in summer. The Florence Indians, first took the summer water, the Indians, then the Mormon settlers around Sacaton took the summer water away from Florence. That is the situation up to date.

"Spotted With Alkali." As compensation, according to Colliers, the government proposes to supply from wells as much water as has been "stolen." The article is at its wildest in treating of this well irrigation. "Seven years ago the first well was completed—today the land that has been watered from that well is spotted with rank alkali. Well irrigation is not a success."

It is now proposed to dig more wells and to spend half a million dollars in building pumping plants and a transmission line for electric power from the Roosevelt dam. It is proposed to move all the Sacaton Indians to the new water from the Gila river at different points water enough to irrigate some 5000 acres to the corner of the reservation, where the wells are slowly ruining the land. To meet the cost of this scheme, it is proposed to sell 150,000 acres of the Indian land. The protection of 40000 Indians who have already suffered shamefully, the government should investigate this matter thoroughly.

This is the way a typical muck-raker reviews one of the best and most practical plans ever devised and put into operation within the interior department.

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PICTURESQUE LIAR THRILLS ALL TEXAS

Private in the Army Sends Out Some Wonderful Stories to Newspapers

(San Antonio Light.)

Away back to the afternoon rear for Dr. Cook, Baron Munchausen, Ananias and other famous members of their truth-managing cult. A new star has risen.

Jules Verne in his palmist days had nothing on a private in the Tenth Infantry, U. S. A., who has been writing "pieces for the paper" at Garrettsville, Ohio. Listen to the tales.

"There are now 30,000 soldiers in the maneuver camp at Fort Sam Houston; there are 5000 soldiers stationed in Mexico to keep them from having war. They have sham battles with the Mexicans every day; Texas is settled almost entirely by Mexicans, there being very few white people; the sun shines every day, but the wind blows so that it raises such clouds of dust and sand that for days the sun can not be seen; there are cracks in the ground ten feet wide into which cattle are blown by the wind and never get out again."

And It Was Believed. These give an idea to what heights the correspondent soared on the wings of imagination. There were columns more of similar matter, and the people back in Ohio liked his impressions of the Lone Star state. It is a popular impression in some parts of the north and east that Texas is the free and untrammelled abode of the savage, that bold, bad men exist for no other purpose than to shoot all those who happen to cross their paths and that safety for all civilized people lies in keeping within the boundaries. So with each issue of the Garrettsville paper containing the literary observations of the devotee of Mars, the circulation increased by leaps and bounds.

And here would end the story if by chance a copy of the paper containing the above extract greatly elaborated, had not drifted down to San Antonio and fallen into the hands of a prominent citizen who does not care to have truth so man-handled, particularly when San Antonio receives the above extract.

Asks That Lid Be Put On. The matter was taken up with the proper military authorities and they were asked if some measures might not be taken to induce the literary private to confine his wonderful imagination to the realm of pure fiction instead of sending out to the world such monstrous yarns about San Antonio.

Woe be upon the luckless private! When he was hauled before his colonel who sat with knitted brows and confronted him with the fruits of his labors, his once fervid imagination had decided release. It could not be brought to rally when in answer to questions he was forced to admit that it was his master mind that conceived the stories which were so pleasing to the folks back home.

Used T. R.'s Favorite. "In other words," queried the colonel in his harshest voice, "you are a plain, unvarnished liar?"

"Yes, sir," stammered the once hopeful aspirant for a seat beside the immortal Jules Verne.

And the end of the pathetic tale is that the energetic disciple of the art of prevarication was instructed to write a letter to the editor on whom he had foisted his efforts and tell him in so many words that he was just what the colonel had called him.

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whenever possible, as a matter of economy of power, and a large canal has been dug to replace several small ditches, which are small and ineffective. The tribesmen are well disposed toward agriculture. They are considered a bit more intelligent than the average Indians and they are being well taught on the reservation the model Indian school at Phoenix. They will make good citizens some day.

There should be a word more with regard to the character of the water which is being pumped. Nearly all water in the Southwest contains more salt matter than in most other parts of the world, the main solid constituents being ordinary carbonate of lime and lime sulphate, the latter (gypsum) in itself being a corrective for alkali. For nearly twenty years the large Chandler and McQueen tracts near Mesa, north of Sacaton, have had irrigation from the Gila river, the land exclusively irrigated with pumped water. These lands so irrigated show the finest alfalfa stand in the Salt river valley, free from weeds and thistles, and the soil is even better than ever. It seems that the water elements of this water are needed for proper plant nourishment. Within the plans of the Reclamation service for the benefit of the Salt river valley will be the service of about 20,000 acres with water pumped from wells by electric power. This service will be welcomed here by intelligent farmers.

Palm Wine's Many Uses. In addition to being a beverage, palm wine may be used as a yeast, an insecticide, and a disinfectant, and it also will remove rust from metals.

RAMPOLLA MAY BE SUCCESSOR

If Present Pope Should Die the Popular Cardinal Is Thought to Be Next Choice

FRIENDLY TO AMERICANS

ROME, Aug. 18.—That Pope Pius X. cannot last much longer is becoming a matter of conviction in all quarters. As a consequence the possibility of the imminent conclave is in the thoughts of all persons connected with the Vatican, though there is not the slightest sign as yet of canvassing or intrigue among the cardinals for the chair of St. Peter. Nevertheless prognostications as to the possible successor to the present pontiff are being made.

The Sacred College now has only forty-nine members, twenty-eight Italians and twenty-one foreigners. The Italian majority is strong in number, but it is stronger still in influence. Nearly all of the Italian cardinals reside in Rome and direct all the affairs of the Papacy. As heads of congregations they have the power exercised elsewhere by cabinet ministers. Their views are carried out by Italian subordinates. All the Papal nuncios are Italian, depending from an Italian cardinal secretary of state. The majority of the Vatican officials are Italian, from the high chamberlain of the apostolic palace to the lowest menial employed about the premises. All these people, with their influence, which is strong, have nothing to gain and everything to lose from a foreign successor to Pius X.

Will Be an Italian. Foreign cardinals being thus out of the contest, the choice of the next pope will be confined to one of the twenty-eight Italian members of the Sacred College. The best Catholic sentiment in Rome at the present time seems to be unanimous in its expression in favor of Cardinal Rampolla as successor to Pius X. Cardinal Rampolla came near being a successful candidate in 1903 when the present pope was chosen. It may be assumed that the cardinals who voted for him at the last conclave will again support him, while it is well known that many of his former adversaries are now his supporters. Pius X. himself is reported to have said that he felt that his successor should be Leo XIV., thus clearly designating Rampolla, whose policy would have been a continuation of that of Leo XIII.

The election of Rampolla at the last conclave was prevented only by Austria's veto. There will be no mention of a veto at the next conclave, for one of the first acts of Pope Pius X. was the promulgation of a constitution abolishing the veto power of Austria, Spain and France in the Papal elections and prohibiting cardinals under the pain of excommunication from receiving even in the form of a simple desire any demand for their good offices in presenting a veto or making it known in the conclave regardless of whatever manner it may come to their knowledge.

Rampolla's Notable Figure. Cardinal Rampolla is without exception at the present time the most notable figure of the Sacred College. He is a Sicilian by birth and it was just sixty-eight years ago yesterday that he first saw the light of day. He was educated at the College Capranica and the Academy of the Noble Ecclesiastics in Rome, and in 1875 became attached to the nunciature at Madrid.

In 1877 he became secretary of the congregation of Oriental Rites. In 1882 he was created titular archbishop of St. Heracles and sent to Spain as nuncio. He was created and proclaimed cardinal, March 14, 1887, taking the title from the church of St. Cecilia, and a few months later was named secretary of state. Since the death of his former chief, Pope Leo XIII., he has lived as head priest of St. Peter's.

The distinguished family connections of Cardinal Rampolla, his intimate acquaintance with Spanish and English affairs, and his abilities to cope with political statesmen are well known. Also he is quite as famous for his learning as for his ability. He has written the best works extant upon the traditions of the Gregorian church, and upon the infallibility of the pope, and he is the author of a notable volume on the historical accuracy of the story of the Macabees.

Another advantage possessed by the cardinal as a candidate for the chair of St. Peter is his patrician ancestry, for it is a tradition of the church that the pope should be a man of patrician birth.

Rampolla's view are quite as liberal as those of any of the hierarchy and he has often expressed warm admiration for Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, and other members of the liberal party of the Catholic church in America.

Dominican Lotteries. Lotteries are operated in all important towns and cities of the Dominican republic. In many of the larger cities there are from two to five, practically all under municipal supervision. Seventy per cent. must be given in prizes, 5 per cent. goes for streets and roads, and the rest, less expenses, is divided among the public hospitals, schools, fire departments and charities.

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July 2nd L. Tannenbaum, President of the Himalaya Mining Company of Mesa Grande, sold to local Chinese merchants 240,000 carats of tourmalines for exportation to the Orient.

Vast deposits of marble have been discovered in this county near the dividing line between San Diego and Imperial counties. There are millions of tons of every shade, and sculptors' marble has been found in paying quantities.

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